



**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\***

**For Immediate Release**

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**MARYLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HOST CARROLL COUNTY TORCH RUN TO  
BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS MARYLAND IN CELEBRATION  
OF THE 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER GAMES**

**WHAT:** Maryland Law Enforcement will host the Carroll County Torch Run on June 8<sup>th</sup> to benefit Special Olympics Maryland. Law Enforcement Officers and Special Olympics athletes across the county will run the Flame of Hope™ in celebration of the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games.

Beginning May 25<sup>th</sup>, thousands of Law Enforcement Officers and Special Olympics athletes across the state will run the Flame of Hope™ hundreds of miles, culminating at the Summer Games Opening Ceremony on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Towson University. Since its inception in 1986, the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$25 million for Special Olympics Maryland in support of its mission to provide quality sports training and competition to Maryland's children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Last year alone, the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run raised over \$2.5 million.

**WHO:** More than 200 Law Enforcement Officers, Special Olympics athletes and volunteers representing every law enforcement agency in the County. Additional public safety partners involved include the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office, the Division of Parole and Probation, the Department of Juvenile Services, the McDaniel College Office of Campus Safety, the Carroll Community College Office of Public Safety and Security, the Carroll County Public School Office of Security and Emergency Management and the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission. Police academies from both the Maryland State Police and the Maryland Police Training Commission will also participate.

**WHEN:**      **June 8, 2016**      **Start Time: 7:30 a.m.**      **Ceremony Time: 12:00 noon**

Five (5) runs will begin between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. at various locations around the County (see below for details). The "Torch Run Trek", a 3-mile walk, will begin at the Carroll County Farm Museum at 10 a.m., proceed to McDaniel College, and then end at the City Hall ceremony. Final Leg will depart at 11:30 a.m. at McDaniel College.

**WHERE:**      **Torch Run routes include:**

**Sykesville Route – Departs Maryland Police Training Commission Gym at 7:30 a.m.**

**Hampstead/Manchester Route – Departs Manchester PD at 9:00 a.m.**

**Taneytown Route – Departs Taneytown Memorial Park at 8:00 a.m.**

**Mt. Airy Route – Departs the Mt. Airy Fire Department at 7:30 a.m.**

